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TAGS: OVIP (CEAUSESCU, NICOLAE), RO
SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT TO U.S.

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1. DURING MARCH 3 MEETING GOR PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR VASILE PUNGAN TOLD ME HE EXPECTED DURING WEEK OF MARCH 5 TO BE ABLE PROVIDE OFFICIAL REACTION TO PROPOSED ALTERNATE ITINERARIES FOR PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S STATE VISIT. HE SAID SEVERAL MEETINGS HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE ON SUBJECT. HE WOULD CONTACT ME WHEN GOR RESPONSE WAS READY AND WOULD REMAIN ACCESSIBLE AS A CHANNEL TO CEAUSESCU.

2. PUNGAN TOOK NOTE OF OUR SPECIFIC NEED FOR AUTHORITATIVE HIGH-LEVEL LIAISON ON VISIT MATTERS, BUT WAS NOT CERTAIN HE WAS BEST CHOICE. HE THOUGHT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU, WHO IS CONVALESCING UNTIL ABOUT MARCH 15, OR ACTING FONMIN GLIGA.

3. PUNGAN CONFIRMED GOR INTENTION TO SEND PROTOCOL/ LOGISTICS/SECURITY ADVANCE TEAM WHICH WOULD HOPE TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS WITH THOSE FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN INFORMED OF ITS MAKE-UP AND ETA. PUNGAN ALSO NOTED FORTHCOMING
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VISIT OF DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF MACHINE BUILDING ION AVRAM, ABOUT MARCH 20, BUT SAID THIS DELEGATION WOULD BE MORE CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF VISIT AND SPECIFICALLY WITH LINING UP SOME DEALS WHICH COULD BE ANNOUNCED DURING OR AFTER VISIT. AVRAM MISSION PLANS ARE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

4. COMMENT: PUNGAN IS UNABLE TO STYLE HIMSELF AS THE
ULTIMATE ADVANCE MAN, KNOWING PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S
PENCHANT FOR SPECIAL EMISSARIES. HOWEVER WE HAVE AN
OPEN CHANNEL TO HIM, MACOVESCU, GLIGA, ET AL AND EXPECT
NO PROBLEMS OF ACCESS. CLOSER TO ACTUAL VISIT I WOULD
EXPECT TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HIMSELF TO DEAL
WITH ANY MATTERS THAT REQUIRE THAT DIRECT APPROACH.
DEPT SHOULD ADVISE OF SUBJECTS CONSIDERED BEST TREATED
IN THAT MANNER.
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